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Reference: 12 Day Pre-Primary Report (7/1/00-8/24/00)

Dear Dr. Gardner:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-The beginning cash balance of this report should equal the ending balance of your July Quarterly Report. Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction.

-The totals listed on Lines 7, 23, and 30, Column B of the Summary and Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page of your report discloses a total of \$17,500 in contributions to federal candidates/committees. The sum of the entries itemized on Schedule B, however, indicates the total to be \$19,500. Please amend your report to clarify the discrepancy.

-Schedule B supporting Line 23 discloses a negative disbursement for Jack Messina, M.D. "Reimbursement for duplicate contribution". If the check written by the donor was deposited into your account, you should report this refunded contribution on Schedule B supporting Line 28(a) of

the Detailed Summary Page. 11 CFR §104.8(d)(4) It appears that you have already disclosed a refund from this individual on Schedule B supporting Line 28(a) in this report. Please clarify the nature of these transactions and amend your report accordingly.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A L Kitchen".

Antoinette Kitchen  
Reports Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

